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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

I just wanted to let you know that things are still amove back here.

If I had had to pick a summer to stay in Madison, this would have been it. Everyone wonders what happened to the summer that was to have come which leaves me no excuse, the heat, for the lack of results this summer. Things have maintained their pace, more penicillin runs, more mutants, more crosses and more barren plates. There has been however a few out of the way happenings, just enough to keep things lively and when you return we can discuss them.

I haven't received any cultures and the few packages have consisted of a few books as a Bargey and a history of the Bacteriological Society. A gram of tetrazolium violet came in.

Bayrenbruch put in only a few hours in July and then retired as Medical Microbiology continued to be the nemesis of our technicians. You sure sold him a bill of goods. He was most unhappy when I last saw him. As a natural consequence I've developed dish pan hands. Shall I make any efforts to procure some help for the fall?

The steel trays and pipette cans came a week ago. They are a bit on the heavy side and don't fit in the carriers because of the latter's warping. The centrifuge head was returned and spins more quietly than ever.

I intend to go to Columbus for the meetings and I guess I'll see you there.

My best to Esther.

Sincerely,